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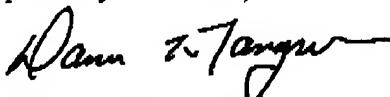
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- Transmittal Letter (3 pages)
- Amendment "A" and Response (9 pages)

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### TRANSMITTAL FOR AMENDMENT "A" AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment "A" and Response for entry in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application is claimed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27.

To secure the approval of the Examiner for proposed amendments to the drawings, enclosed are the following:

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- Letter to the Official Draftsperson;
- Set of \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) sheets of drawings containing Figures \_\_\_\_\_ including the proposed amendments therein; and
- A duplicate set of the \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) sheets of drawings with the changes therein highlighted in red.
- To render the transmitted Amendment "A" and Response timely filed enclosed are the following:
  - Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ -Month Extension of Time; and
  - Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the fee for the extension of time.
- A Certificate of Express Mail Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10.
- No fee is required.

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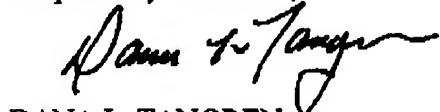
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X Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.  
— A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 2005.

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AMENDMENT "A" AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Office action of October 7, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.